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BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING
(BAIFA)

February 25, 2015
MINUTES

Attendance

Authority Chair Cortese called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. Other Authority members present were: Commissioners Glover, Haggerty, Sartipi and Spering. The following MTC Commissioners were present: Commissioners Aguirre, Baker, Campos, Giacomini, Kinsey, Mackenzie, Pierce, Schaaf, Tissier, Wiener and Worth.

Item 2: Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and second by Commissioner Glover, the following item on the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously:

- **2a: Minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting**

Item 3: Cooperative Agreement Amendments: Caltrans

- Regional Express Lane Network Phase 1 Project Initiation Document and Project Approval/Environmental Document (\$500,000)
- Oversight of Final Design and Right of Way Phases for I-680 Express Lanes Southern Segment in Contra Costa County (\$495,000)

Lisa Klein, BAIFA Operations Section staff, requested the Authority's approval to amend the cooperative agreements listed above to provide additional funds for Caltrans' oversight of the (i) project initiation and environmental phases for express lanes on I-680 Southern Segment in Contra Costa County, I-880 in Alameda County and the westbound approaches to the San Mateo and Dumbarton bridges: and (ii) final design and right of way phases for the I-680 Southern Segment.

Commissioner Haggerty expressed his concern with the current work advancement on the eastern part of I-880, I-680 and Highway 84 and asked about the status of the environmental report.

Andrew Fremier, MTC Deputy Executive Director, Policy responded that the environmental document is progressing (with the assistance of the Alameda County Transportation Commission) for the Northbound I-680 portion and advised that an update will be provided to BATA in regards to additional operational strategies in managing the managed lanes implementation program and bringing additional lanes into the MTC network.

Commissioner Pierce requested that staff continue to work with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority on the project implementation.

Item 3: Cooperative Agreement Amendments: Caltrans (continued)

Upon the motion of Commissioner Haggerty and second by Commissioner Spring, the Authority unanimously authorized the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement amendment with Caltrans to provide oversight for the project initiation document (PIDs) and project approval/environmental documentation (PA/ED) phases of the I-680 and I-880/92/94 projects. The Chief Financial Officer was directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$500,000 for such amendment.

Additionally, the Authority unanimously authorized the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement amendment with Caltrans to complete oversight of the design and right of way phases for the I-680 Express Lanes from Alcosta Boulevard to Rudgear Road. The Chief Financial Officer was directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$495,000 for such amendment.

Item 4: Cooperative Agreement – Oversight of Construction of I-680 Express Lanes Southern Segment in Contra Costa County: Caltrans (\$375,000)

Peter Lee, BAIFA Operations Section staff, requested Authority approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to provide oversight during the construction phase of the I-680 Express Lane Southern Segment Project which will convert existing high occupancy vehicle lanes to express lanes in Contra Costa County from Alcosta Boulevard to Livorna Road (northbound) and Rudgear Road to Alcosta Boulevard (southbound).

Commissioner Haggerty expressed his concern with non-continuity and disruption in the planning of the project, specifically, the changing of existing HOV lanes to express lanes and corridor gap pockets within the network, which may cause commuter confusion.

Mr. Fremier advised that these projects are consistent with decisions that have been made by both BAIFA and BATA and that were suggested as first phase existing conversions. Additionally, he advised that BAIFA is working with three Congestion Management Agencies in trying to move the next group of projects within the funding that is available. Mr. Fremier stated BATA will be presented with a next steps informational item which will address existing public information, development concerns and the progress of the network.

He also recognized that the initial conversions are all designed to begin to close the gaps and make a more identifiable network. He also clarified that the authority that MTC has, through BAIFA, is on the I-80, I-880 and I-680 corridors in Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano counties.

He stated that the two corridors that are advancing more quickly are the I-880 corridor which will connect to the 237/880 ramp and the I-680 corridor which is advancing in the area in Walnut Creek where gaps exist. Mr. Fremier explained that logical steps were being taken to close the corridors where possible but advised that there are some large capital improvement projects that are beyond BAIFA's funding ability.

Commissioner Haggerty asked if Cap and Trade funds were being considered for this funding gap. Mr Fremier advised that Cap and Trade funds as well as future bridge toll revenue and other funding will be considered.

Commissioner Spering concurred with Commissioner Haggerty's concerns.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Spering and second by Commissioner Glover, the Authority unanimously authorized the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to provide oversight including review and comment on contract change orders and field design changes required during construction of the I-680 Express Lanes Southern Segment project. The Chief Financial Officer was directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$375,000 for such agreement.

Item 5: Public Comment/Other Business/Adjournment/Next Meeting

Public Comment was given by Mr. Joseph Kramier, Environmental Services, Inc. who advised that his company has designed a gondola lift system that he would like to be considered for future transportation use.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next Authority meeting date is scheduled for March 25, 2015 in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA.